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ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450****SIR:*****Remarks***

Reconsideration of pending claims 13-27 is respectfully requested, particularly in light of the Declaration under 37 CFR 1.131 filed herewith.

In the Office action dated March 31, 2006, the Examiner rejected all pending claims under 35 USC § 102(e) as being anticipated by US Patent 6,081,793 (Challener et al.). In response, applicants are submitting a Declaration under Rule 131, illustrating conception of the present invention prior to the filing date of Challener et al. and subsequent reduction to practice by virtue of the filing of the parent application upon which the instant application is based. Applicants thus assert that Challener et al. is not "available" as a reference that may be applied against the pending claims.